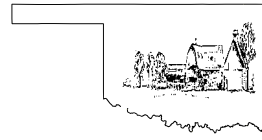


OKLAHOMA CROP-WEATHER

August 26, 2002



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Heavy Storms Cross State

August 25 - Heavy weekend storms brought welcomed rains to many needy areas. The Southwest district remained mostly dry though with only 3 of 11 Mesonet sites recording any rainfall. Producers continued to be busy making fall planting preparations. Although crop insect activity eased slightly from the previous week, there continues to be concern over grasshoppers. Dewey county reported some producers have decided to go ahead with planting wheat knowing they may have to replant the outside two to four drill widths. Caddo county reported producers dusting in wheat for grazing due to dry conditions. Some of the reports for this week's crop weather arrived before weekend rains, therefore soil moisture supplies and crop conditions may understate actual conditions. Farmers had 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork during the week.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	12	35	48	5
Last Week	10	30	50	10
Last Year	40	40	19	1

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	24	38	35	3
Last Week	16	31	51	2
Last Year	40	43	17	0

Small Grains: Seedbed preparation gained some momentum with recent rains. Winter wheat, rye and oats were all progressing ahead of last year and the average pace. Winter wheat planting was starting up in many areas, however there is some reluctance because of concerns over grasshopper damage. Some producers are planning on using early planted wheat for grazing, and others may have to replant parts of their fields after the grasshoppers are gone.

Row Crops: Corn harvest was progressing rapidly, gaining 10 percentage points to end the week at 18 percent complete. Sorghum harvest was beginning in places with 5 percent completed by week's end. Soybean harvest was running slow, gaining only 1 percentage point from the previous week. Ninety six percent of this years peanut crop had set pods and 13 percent reached maturity. Cotton setting bolls was 90 percent, compared with 99 percent last year and the five year average of 98 percent. Cotton with bolls opening was 8 percent, compared with 9 percent last year and the five year average of 7 percent. All the State's major row crops continued to be rated in mostly fair or good condition.

ROW CROPS CONDITION BY PERCENT Week Ending August 25, 2002

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	1	2	21	71	5
Sorghum	12	13	34	39	2
Soybeans	2	8	25	51	14
Peanuts	1	7	32	49	11
Cotton	0	5	35	59	1

Hay: Producers were nearly complete with the third cutting of alfalfa, and the fourth cutting was progressing rapidly at 62 percent complete. The second cutting of other hay was 78 percent complete, well ahead of both last year and the average pace. There were no major problems reported and both alfalfa and other hay continued to be rated in mostly fair or good condition.

HAY CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending August 25, 2002

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	2	7	33	50	8
Other Hay	5	9	29	51	6

Pasture: Range and pasture condition rating slipped slightly from the previous week, but should rebound with recent rains. Range and pasture conditions were rated 4 percent very poor, 11 percent poor, 30 percent fair, 49 percent good, and 6 percent excellent.

Livestock: Livestock continued to be rated in mostly fair or good condition. Cattle auctions reported heavier marketings of steers and heifers under 800 pounds. The price for feeder steers less than 800 pounds was up an average of \$1.10 per cwt. from the previous week and averaged \$80.80 per cwt. The price for feeder heifers less than 800 pounds was up an average of 70 cents per cwt. and averaged \$76.40 per cwt.

LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT Week Ending August 25, 2002

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	0	4	30	57	9
Pasture & Range	4	11	30	49	6

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS									
Week Ending August 25, 2002									
Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr. Avg	Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr. Avg
Percent Development					Percent Development				
Wheat -					Soybeans -				
Seedbed Prepared	55	41	48	46	Blooming	93	87	85	90
Planted	2	n/a	1	2	Setting Pods	84	70	71	75
					Mature	16	11	31	13
Rye -					Harvested	5	4	13	3
Seedbed Prepared	60	47	43	43					
					Peanuts -				
Oats -					Setting Pods	96	88	96	94
Seedbed Prepared	48	35	34	38	Mature	13	8	14	5
Corn -					Cotton -				
Dough	97	78	91	97	Setting Bolls	90	81	99	98
Mature	60	55	41	27	Bolls Opening	8	3	9	7
Harvested	18	8	24	9					
					Alfalfa -				
Sorghum -					3 rd Cutting	98	96	93	92
Headed	80	63	81	82	4 th Cutting	62	51	33	36
Coloring	50	40	43	34					
Mature	16	7	21	9	Other Hay -				
Harvested	5	1	12	2	2 nd Cutting	78	73	55	39
					Watermelons -				
					Harvested	97	94	99	92

WEATHER FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 25, 2002 - Temperatures ranged from 61 degrees at Kenton on Thursday, August 22nd to 105 degrees at Mangum and Butler on Friday, August 23rd. Precipitation averaged 0.13 in. Southwest district to 1.37 in. Northeast district. Individual Mesonet Stations ranged from 0.00 in. at numerous stations to 4.06 in. at Oilton. Soil temperatures averaged 76 degrees at Boise City on Wednesday, August 21st to 99 degrees at Idabel on Thursday, August 22nd.

MESONET TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA							
Week Ending August 25, 2002							
Districts	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	This Week	March 1 to August 25, 2002		
					Total	Departure from Normal	Percent of Normal
Degrees			Inches				
Panhandle	92	67	78.7	0.71	9.12	- 5.20	64
West Central	98	73	84.1	0.36	14.48	- 3.60	80
Southwest	99	74	86.0	0.13	14.50	- 3.90	79
North Central	95	72	82.6	0.96	18.49	- 1.25	94
Central	95	74	83.7	0.96	19.55	- 2.11	90
South Central	95	74	83.9	0.47	23.47	+ 1.33	106
Northeast	92	72	81.2	1.37	23.92	+ 0.43	102
East Central	94	73	83.1	0.38	24.61	+ 0.14	101
Southeast	95	72	82.5	0.45	28.92	+ 3.13	112